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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 7, 2006, the period for response to which extends through July 7, 2006, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.